

Chepachet Fire District

Executive Committee – Monthly Meeting

May 19, 2010

The Chepachet Fire District monthly meeting was held at the Chepachet Fire Station on Wednesday, May 19, 2010.

Mrs. Martone called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Members present were Robert Lohr, George Leonhardt, Lynda Martone and Jamie Hainsworth. Also present were Chief Robert Dauphinais, Treasurer David Steere, District Clerk/Secretary Darlene Shields, Tax Collector Patricia Svansson and Deputy Chief Dennis Huestis. Absent was Earl Newman.

Secretary's Report:

All members have received copies of the minutes for the April 21st, 2010 meeting for their review.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to accept the minutes as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 4–0.

Mr. Earl Newman is in attendance for the Monthly Meeting of the Executive Committee at 6:36pm

Tax Collector's Report:

Mrs. Svansson present monies received from Mr. McCormick's Office for the following month:

April \$442.57 (Fee \$92.22) reimbursement Mr. McCormick's Office

\$67.22

As of Last month's meeting there were 64 Accounts remaining on the Tax Sale List as of today's meeting there are 37 accounts remaining that are up for Tax Sale. 90 Day notices have gone out to all the outstanding accounts. The 90 notice carries a \$10 certified mail fee and the Title exam fee \$130.00 have been added to the outstanding accounts.

Mrs. Svansson will be attending a Tax Collector Association Meeting next Tuesday. RI Housing will be at the meeting to discuss Tax Sales.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Tax Collector's Report as presented, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 5-0.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. Steere presented the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2010. We are at 90% through the year and have currently used 59% of the Budget but have a few big expenses to come in the next month.

Brush Truck expenses came to \$104,772 and there was \$100,000 voted on by the Tax Payers. The board needs to identify where the difference of \$4,772 will come from within the Budget.

Total funds \$600,000 of which \$278,000 is restricted and \$322,000 in operating funds.

Motion Mrs. Martone to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and to pay the monthly bills, second by Mr. Hainsworth and Passed 5-0.

Motion made by Mr. Hainsworth to adjust fiscal year line items for the following expenses that were not budgeted: ½ Share for Old Harmony Rescue to be used by both departments as reserve truck, Generator for Engine 13, Brush Truck Overage, Remaining Balance of the Mortgage: Total Funds needed to be adjusted \$38,861 to cover expenses, Second by Mrs. Martone and passed 5-0.

Adjustments as follows:

Insurance \$2,000

Recruitment \$1,000

Rescue Maintenance \$2,500

Motor Vehicle Maintenance \$2,000

Gas/Oil/Diesel \$2,000

Rescue Gas \$2,000

Street Lights \$2,000

Capital Improvement \$9,700

Building Maintenance \$500.00

Fuel Oil \$4,000.00

Incentive \$10,000

Rescue Supplies \$1,500

Rescue Training \$3,000

Chief's Report:

Chief Dauphinais submitted the April 2010 Monthly Chief's Report to be placed on file.

Motion made by Mrs. Martone to accept the Chief's report and placed a copy on file, second by Mr. Leonhardt and passed 5-0.

Committee:

A. Brush Truck is in service and lettering will be done within the next week.

Old Business:

A. Proposed 2010/2011 Budget:

Mrs. Shields has been in contact with the Mortgage Company and has received a payoff statement in the amount of \$25,661. The bond stipulates that the interest must be paid up until the next due date which would be March 31, 2011. Remaining Principal Balance of Mortgage \$24,347.77 (interest \$1,307.77 and processing fee of \$10.00) Total needed \$25,661.00. By removing this expense of \$13,998 from the 2010/2011 this would lower the budget and allow for no tax increase.

Motion made by Mr. Newman to adopt the proposed budget of \$489,192 as presented with a 3% pay increase, second by Mrs. Martone and passed 5-0

New Business:

A. FEMA:

We will be receiving reimbursement from FEMA for the costs due to the floods in both March and April. We submitted \$9,898.00 worth of expenses for personnel and equipment used during those calls.

B. Mortgage:

Motion made by Mr. Newman to pay the remaining balance of the mortgage in the amount of \$25,661, second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 5-0.

Dispense of Executive Session at this time.

Next scheduled meeting is the Canvas of the Voter’s Meeting on June 5th at 8:00am and then the Annual Meeting on June 12th, 2010 at 9:00am.

With no further business at this time, motion made by Mrs. Martone to adjourn, second by Mr. Hainsworth and passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Darlene L Shields

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**District Clerk / Chepachet Fire District**